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In re Application of	:	
Peter M. Thule	:	DECISION ON APPLICATION
Application No. 09/972,916	:	FOR
Filed: October 10, 2001	:	PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Atty Docket No.	:	
US 1292/01 (VA)	:	

This letter is in response to the "LETTER OF GOOD FAITH AND CANDOR REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT (PTA)," filed on March 15, 2010. Applicants request review of the initial determination of patent term adjustment. The communication is treated as an application for patent term adjustment under 37 CFR 1.705(b).

The request for correction of the initial determination of patent term adjustment (PTA) is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PALM and PAIR screens to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is zero (0) days. A copy of the updated PALM screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On February 22, 2010, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 USC 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is seventy-three (73) days (442 days of Office delay reduced by 369 days of applicant delay).

On March 15, 2010, applicants timely submitted the instant application for patent term adjustment.¹

Applicants request recalculation of the patent term adjustment in connection with the Request for Information filed on September 15, 2005, and the Letter Withdrawing a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on October 2, 2007.

37 CFR 1.704(b) states that:

With respect to the grounds for adjustment set forth in §§ 1.702(a) through (e), and in particular the ground of adjustment set forth in § 1.702(b), an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has no effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph.

On September 15, 2005, a Request for Information Under 37 CFR 1.105 (RFI) was mailed. On March 14, 2006, three months and 89 days after the day after the date the RFI was mailed, a reply was filed. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(b), a period of reduction of 89 days for applicant delay is warranted.

On September 20, 2007, a reply to a non-final Office action was filed. On September 27, 2007, a Notice of Non-Compliant

¹ PALM records show that the Issue Fee was received on March 15, 2010.

Amendment was mailed. On October 2, 2007, a Letter Withdrawing a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed. On December 12, 2007, a final Office action was mailed in response to the reply filed on September 20, 2007.

As the reply filed on September 20, 2007, was clearly not non-compliant, no reduction for applicant delay in connection with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is warranted. The six (6) day period of reduction for applicant delay will therefore be removed.

In view thereof, the revised determination of PTA at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **zero (0)** (442 days of PTO delay, reduced by 452 (90 + 29 + 89 + 92 + 91 + 61) days of Applicant delay).

The Office acknowledges submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fees are required.

The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. The application is thereby forwarded to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and if applicable, for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Douglas I. Wood, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3231.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Knight', is written over the printed name.

Anthony Knight
Director
Office of Petitions

Enclosure: Copy of adjusted PAIR calculation

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PTA Calculations for Application: 09/972916

Application Filing Date:	10/10/2001	PTO Delay (PTO):	442
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	369
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